

STATE OF ILLINOIS



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Jennifer Morris, ICC Staff

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Sept. 20, 2018 Deadline for Objections to the 2019 IL-TRM Version 7.0 dated Sept. 13, 2018

DATE: September 13, 2018

The Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Staff”) has received the finalized 2019 Illinois Statewide Technical Reference Manual for Energy Efficiency Version 7.0 dated September 13, 2018 from the TRM Administrator, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (“VEIC”). The IL-TRM is divided into separate volumes to make each easier to use: Volume 1: Overview and User Guide¹; Volume 2: Commercial and Industrial Measures²; Volume 3: Residential Measures³; and Volume 4: Cross-Cutting Measures and Attachments⁴ (collectively, “2019 IL-TRM Version 7.0”). The final 2019 IL-TRM Version 7.0 documents can be downloaded from the Commission’s website: <http://www.icc.illinois.gov/Electricity/programs/TRM.aspx>.

Staff understands that the 2019 IL-TRM Version 7.0 is the end result from an open and collaborative update process that officially began at the February 27, 2018 Illinois Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Advisory Group (“SAG”) meeting. This update to the IL-TRM encompasses 143 energy efficiency measure-level changes made during this update cycle (including 17 new energy efficiency measures added to the IL-TRM) in addition to revisions to the Illinois Statewide Net-to-Gross (“NTG”) Methodologies (“IL-NTG Methods”) Attachment A (housed in Volume 4 of the IL-TRM). In addition, the 2019 IL-TRM Version 7.0, Volume 4 includes a new Attachment B that provides guidelines on the effective useful life values to use for the custom measures and programs. The 2019 IL-TRM Version 7.0 was completed following multiple structured stakeholder review and commenting opportunities involving the [SAG](#), in addition to over 30 meetings⁵ at which stakeholders discussed various IL-TRM Updates and attempted to reach consensus.

¹ https://www.icc.illinois.gov/downloads/public/IL-TRM_Effective_010119_v7.0_Vol_1_Overview_091318_Final.pdf

² https://www.icc.illinois.gov/downloads/public/IL-TRM_Effective_010119_v7.0_Vol_2_C_and_I_091318_Final.pdf

³ https://www.icc.illinois.gov/downloads/public/IL-TRM_Effective_010119_v7.0_Vol_3_Res_091318_Final.pdf

⁴ https://www.icc.illinois.gov/downloads/public/IL-TRM_Effective_010119_v7.0_Vol_4_X-Cutting_Measures_and_Attach_091318_Final.pdf

⁵ SAG meetings, IL-TRM Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) meetings, various TAC Subcommittee meetings (Advanced Thermostat, Air Sealing and Insulation Research, Behavior, CHP, Effective Useful Life, Lamp Hours of Use, Load Reducing and HVAC Replacement Interaction, and Modeling), and Illinois NTG Working Group meetings comprised this year’s IL-TRM Update Process.

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Any party wishing to object to the submission of the final 2019 IL-TRM Version 7.0 to the Commission for approval should address their objections to Jennifer Morris at Jennifer.Morris@illinois.gov and the TRM Administrator at iltrmadministrator@veic.org no later than September 20, 2018. In the event that Staff does not receive any objections by Thursday, September 20, 2018, Staff will represent to the Commission that there are no objections when Staff submits the 2019 IL-TRM Version 7.0 dated September 13, 2018 to the Commission for approval. If Staff receives an objection from a stakeholder concerning submission of the 2019 IL-TRM Version 7.0 to the Commission by September 20, 2018, then Staff will make note of that objection in its Staff Report to the Commission.

In addition, Staff understands there are two non-consensus issues related to this IL-TRM Update as reflected in VEIC's Comparison Exhibits of Non-Consensus Issues, namely: (1) Advanced Thermostat 'Percent Cooling_Reduction' assumption – i.e., the assumed average percentage reduction in total household cooling energy consumption due to installation of an advanced thermostat,⁶ and (2) Interaction of load reducing measures (e.g., shell) with HVAC replacement measures.⁷ Unless Staff is made aware that these two non-consensus issues have been resolved in a manner acceptable to the SAG by September 20, 2018 or unless all parties indicate that they do not seek a Commission proceeding on an issue, Staff will request that the Commission initiate a separate proceeding to resolve these non-consensus issues.

Thank you for your attention.

⁶https://www.icc.illinois.gov/downloads/public/Comparison_Exhibit_of_v7.0_Nonconsensus_Items_Advanced_Thermostat_09132018_FINAL.docx

⁷https://www.icc.illinois.gov/downloads/public/Comparison_Exhibit_of_v7.0_Nonconsensus_Shell_HVAC_Interaction_Items_09132018_FINAL.docx